Subject No. 55.

Potgi to Patels and Shanbhogs on coffee revenue.

Summary of discussion.—Proportionate amount of Remuneration on the amount of coffee Kandayam should be paid to the Patels and Shanbhogs, as nothing is paid to them on account of coffee lands since they were assessed 12 years ago.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner says he has reported on the subject. The report will be attended to in due course.

Subject No. 56.

Secondary Examination in Vernacular not to be compulsory for admission into English Schools.

Summary of discussion.—The arrangements recently made in respect of Education in Government Schools should be revised as they are very inconvenient to the public. There ought to be no Secondary Examination in the Vernacular as indispensable for admission to English Schools. A knowledge of Kanarese may indeed be insisted upon as a necessary preliminary qualification, but the standard should not be so high as is prescribed at present.

Dewan's reply.—(After consulting the Education Secretary who was present.) The curriculum will be revised.

Subject No. 57.

Free professional advice for construction of roads by private persons.

Summary of discussion.—Help should be rendered by D. P. W. officers free to raiyats wishing to make roads of their own. Such professional help is necessary to private owners of estates who have to construct roads in difficult tracts. These roads are useful to the public also to some extent. What is asked for is not much or difficult for the professional man to give though it would be valued highly by the person who receives it.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner will give reasonable help in the case of roads which are also of public benefit. He will be instructed to this effect.

Subject No. 58.

Free use of margin of Government waste land adjoining occupied wet and garden lands.

Summary of discussion.—Owners of wet and garden lands in the Malnad should have the preferential right to a margin of Government waste land about a hundred yards wide, bordering on the wet and garden lands. This margin is often required for cattle sheds, and for putting up accommodation for field laborers. It would be inconvenient to the owners of these wet and garden lands if strangers take up the aforesaid margin. At present they cannot be occupied without permission and without payment of assessment. Often times the land is sold by auction or for an upset price. It should be granted free of charge as above suggested.

Dewan's reply.—If the 'Talkat' lands (bordering lands) are required for cultivation purposes, you had better take them up on patta. But Government are willing to recognize the necessity for some freedom to garden owners to build houses on waste lands adjoining the gardens. Some alteration in existing rules is necessary so that there may be a provision for the first refusal of such lands to the garden owners. Such a provision is proper when the land is re-

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